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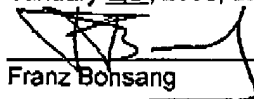
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In the matter of the application of

Michel CARON

for: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF IDENTIFYING THE USER
THEREOF BY MEANS OF A VARIABLE IDENTIFICATION CODE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, U.S.A.

Sir,

The present is in response to Office Action dated December 27, 2007.

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested election in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 121, on the basis that the application contains claims directed to seven (7) patentably distinct species, namely **species A** of Figure 1, **species B** of Figure 2, **species C** of

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